

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Michael Pacaro and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, **January 8, 2017** at 2:00 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community Building. Attendance is a requirement for all Scouts of Troop 152. Scouts should arrive by 1:45 PM in class "A" uniforms.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

January 2017, it's here. What will it bring? One group of scouts is getting ready for their trip to the Jamboree. What a crazy trip that will be, with all the wild activities that the scouts can do. What stories will they tell when they get back? What new friends will they make? Then there's another group that's preparing for a trip to Philmont. 12 days of hiking in the high mountains of north eastern New Mexico. They'll have their own stories and I'm sure a couple of tall tales too. Troop camping trips are an adventure as well. Out under the stars, night time tent chatter, morning hot chocolate, building the evening camp fire and more stories, jokes and friendship. Chat with your scout about what he thought were the best parts of 2016 and what he's looking forward to in 2017.

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JANUARY 2017 TRIP Gifford Pinchot St Park

Join Troop 152 on a weekend of deep winter camping 1/20-22 2017. We will camp at Gifford Pinchot St Park, near Camp Tuckahoe. Watch for the permission slip. Contact Chris Nagele for more info on (215) 820-2271.

JANUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Jan 29, 2017. Leave at 6:45 AM from the pavilion and return around 5:30 PM. The permission slip will be posted on the troop's web site. Contact Alan Fleck for more information on 215-699-2963 Home or 215-264-8024 cell. **THINK SNOW!!!**

GENERAL NASH 2017 KLONDIKE

The 2017 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Schweiker Lodge and Camp Hart 2/10 – 2/12 for the 2017 General Nash Klondike. Attendance at the **Cold Weather Training** is mandatory for attending the event. Reservation forms will be on the website, or Contact John Dyer.

SCHEDULE for January 2017

1/ 3	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM
1/ 8	Eagle Court of Honor – Michael Pacaro
1/ 8	Committee Meeting 5:00 PM (DeLong)
1/10	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM
1/17	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00 PM
1/20-22	Δ CAMPING G. Pinchot St Park (CNagele/Fleck?)
1/24	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM
1/29	Ski Trip (Fleck)
1/31	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017

2/10-12	CAMPING Klondike @ Hart (Dyer)
2/11	Committee Meeting @ Schweiker Lodge (DeLong)
2/18	Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment (Pacaro)
2/21	OA Elections
2/28	FAMILY NIGHT
3/ 4	General Nash First Aid Meet (TBD)
3/ 5	Ski Trip (Fleck)
3/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
3/24-26	CAMPING Phila Constitution Center (Fleck)
3/26	New Scout Orientation (RNagele)
4/ 1 – 2	New Scout Campout (Dyer)
4/ 2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
4/21-23	CAMPING Rod N Gun (Magee /Hornberger)
5/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
5/19-21	CAMPING French Creek (Belfield)
5/29	Memorial Day Parade
6/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
6/ 6	FAMILY NIGHT
6/16-18	CAMPING Mt Tammany (TBD)
7/17 - 26	2017 National Jamboree – The Summit West VA
8/ 6 – 12	SUMMER CAMP Goose Pond (DeLong/Neild)
9/26	FAMILY NIGHT

2016 WREATH SALE !!!

The 2016 wreath sale was a great success. Thanks to all the scouts, scouters, and parents who sold wreaths, and helped with the wreath pick up logistics. Special thanks to Rob Nagele for promoting sales, to this year's wreath co-chairs, Tim Bonitz & Arun Giddu who kept things organized, and to Nancy Bickel for keeping the accounting straight.

COLD WEATHER TRAINING !

Winter is here !! Troop 152 will be camping !! Scouts and Scouters planning to attend any of the outdoor events in January, February, or March, must attend the troop's Cold Weather Training seminar to be scheduled in January, 2017. Watch the web site for more info! Don't miss this meeting

2016 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party was a great success. Thanks to those who came out and a special thanks to all those who helped set up and brought treats.

COLD WEATHER CAMPING

Troop 152 camps all year long, except December, including the colder winter months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Cold weather camping is an extraordinary experience. The beauty of the cold landscape can be breath taking. Cold weather camping does require special planning to keep scouts and scouters safe in extreme conditions. A really good sleeping bag, rated for the temperatures expected is a must. An additional fleece sleeping bag liner is recommended. Proper clothing such as Wool hats, gloves, ear protection and good boots are essential.

The key to enjoying cold weather camping is keeping dry, and wearing "layers" of clothes that can be taken off and put on as needed to keep warm, and not overheat.

Keeping dry is a challenge, especially if strenuous activity is expected. Cotton clothing is to be AVOIDED as it gets damp with perspiration and absorbs body heat as the moisture evaporates. Underwear and outer clothing that is designed for "wicking" moisture away from the body is recommended. Wool clothing is also very good in keeping in warmth while being wet. So break out the under-armor, fleece, gortex, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats and join us for some great cold weather trips. Watch the web site for the Cold Weather Training offered at a troop meeting. Scouts, Scouters, and parents are welcome to attend to learn what to wear, what to sleep in, and what to eat to keep warm and safe during our winter camping adventures.

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